



ORTAB
Advisory Board- Teleconference
August 26, 2005

Board Chair called teleconference to order @ 9:05 a.m.

Members Present:

- Bobby Andrew –Dillingham
- Ken Lancaster – Soldotna
- Bish Buckle, Chair – Wasilla
- Wendell Shiffler – Fairbanks

Members Absent:

- Paul Sandhofer
- Susie Byersdorfer – Kodiak
- Rich Macintyre – Sitka
- Gia Hanna – Kotzebue
- Bruce Friend - Chugach

Staff Present:

- Margaret Brodie –Admin. & Grants Manager
- Samantha Carroll –Rec. Trails Coordinator

The teleconference was held to discuss and amend ORTAB's original recommendations for the Alaska Trails Initiative funding amounts. The amendment was needed to reflect the additional takedowns by pass through agencies. Funds were reduced to a total award amount of \$3,352,000 rather than the \$3,800,00, which was originally distributed (a total reduction of \$448,000 or 11.2% of \$4,000,000).

It is the Boards position, that a great deal of time was spent in the August meeting recommending funding amounts, which the Board would like to see maintained. Therefore, Alaska Trails Initiative funds should follow ORTAB's original intent for the distribution of funds.

In staying with ORTAB's original intent in funding distributions, it was proposed to equally reduce most applicants by the 11.2% in indirect costs charged by FHWA/WFLHD and Alaska DOT. The feeling in the teleconference was that this would be a fair and equitable method in remaining with the initial funding intent of the board. It was further discussed that the Boys Scouts of America would not be reduced since the original funding award was a large reduction from the applicant request. Therefore, the Chugach National Forest's Iditarod National Historic Trail Seward to Girdwood would be reduced by 11.2% and the remaining \$34,948, to bring the total award amount to \$3,352,000.

The teleconference was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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